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FRIANT WATER USERS AUTHORITY

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Re: Friant Water Users Authority Support for HR 2828

Dear Chairman Calvert and Ranking Member Napolitano:

The Friant Water Users Authority supports the concepts imbedded within HR 2828 to provide solutions to water challenges within California by reauthorizing CALFED in a balanced manner.

The Friant Water Users Authority (Authority) operates and maintains the Friant-Kern Canal, a conveyance feature of the Central Valley Project in California. The Authority consists of twenty-four member water, irrigation and public utility districts serving the agricultural water needs of some one million acres and 15,000 mostly small family farms on the east side of the southern San Joaquin Valley. Friant Division water supplies are also relied upon by several cities and towns, including the City of Fresno, for a major portion of their municipal and industrial water supplies.

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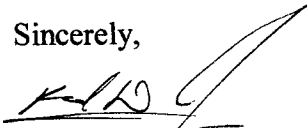
The CALFED Program continues to be the best platform to address state-wide improvements to water supply and conveyance infrastructure while at the same time enhancing the environment. In the Authority's service area, CALFED will provide the authorization necessary to continue feasibility studies for water storage opportunities. The Authority's service area is water short. Additional storage would provide opportunities to stabilize water supplies, provide flood control, and recreational, environmental, and water quality exchange opportunities.

Additional concepts included in HR 2828 such as competitive grants program for desalination and water recycling projects, coordination of federal activities including water transfer permit streamlining and imbedding accountability in the implementation of CALFED will further enable California to solve many of its water supply problems.

Immediate reauthorization and adequate funding are needed in order for the CALFED program to achieve its stated objectives.

Please feel free to contact me to further discuss the benefits associated with HR 2828. Your commitment to resolving California's water supply issues is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



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